



## ABOUT WARD 4

*Tucson's Ward 4 is represented by Council Member Shirley C. Scott. Shirley has represented the Ward since 1995 and is honored to continue serving the constituents of Ward 4 and the City of Tucson.*

## In the Know

### It's OPEN!

Well almost. The new Walmart Supercenter at Golf Links and Houghton will have it's grand opening at 8 am on Wednesday the 17th. What's good about this store being open? It will help increase the sales tax revenue for the City and it will generate 220 jobs. That, in itself, is a great thing for the City. We also really appreciate there generosity for our Back to School Bash. Every year they donate \$5,000 to this event that helps out our kids and gets them the supplies they need to have a great year at school. So, stop by and say hi to the new crew at Walmart.



### Oh no SunGo

Ok, so whenever a new system gets put in, we know there will be a few glitches, bound to be, right? I mean nothing ever works right from the start and in SunTran's case that is true. Yes, it would be a perfect world if everything just fell into place, but that is not this story. SunTran recently put in a new pay system that was to help streamline the process for all of its transit systems. It was also designed to allow customers to use just one card to pay for rides and transfers on all the systems, including the streetcar line for when that project started rolling. The problems? "No value on card," the machine reads, the website designed to load credit onto the magnetic cards isn't loading it up and riders are finding their accounts have an inexplicable negative balance in the hundreds of dollars. Yeah I would say that's an issue!

So in the meantime while the vendor, SPX Genfare, is sending help from Chicago, Sun Tran passengers need to call (520) 792-9222 or email [suntraninfo@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:suntraninfo@tucsonaz.gov) with their SunGo Card number, contact information and a brief description of the problem(s) they are experiencing. And until the problems are fixed and if there is a problem with your SunGo card, just relay that info to the bus driver, show them your SunGo card and away you go. Once all the bugs are worked out, it should be an easy system to use.



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## Swim Little Fishy

### Clements Pool:

8155 E Poinciana

#### Adult Lap:

Mon-Thurs 6-8am, 11am-1pm,  
5:30-7pm and Sun noon-7pm

#### Recreational Swim:

Mon-Thurs 1-5pm and Sun noon-  
7pm

#### Family Swim:

Mon-Thurs 5:30-7pm

#### Adapted Aquatics:

Mon-Thurs 11-11:30am, 5:30-6pm  
Closed on Friday and Saturdays

### Purple Heart Pool:

Rita Ranch

#### Adult Lap:

Tues-Fri 11am-1pm, 5:30-7pm, and  
Sat noon-7pm

#### Recreational Swim:

Tues-Fri 1-5pm and Sat noon-7pm

#### Family Swim:

Tues-Fri 5:30-7pm

#### Adapted Aquatics:

Tues-Fri 5-5:30pm

Closed Sun and Monday

### Escalante Pool:

Located at 6900 E Nicaragua Drive

#### Recreational Swim:

Mon-Thurs Noon-5pm, Sun noon-  
6pm

#### Family Swim:

Mon-Thurs 5:30-7pm

Closed Fri & Sat

## Monsooooooon

The word monsoon is derived from the Arabic word mausim, which means season. Until the late 1970's, there was serious debate about whether a monsoon truly existed in North America. Research was later done and found out that we truly have a monsoon. I think we could have just told them that. Anyway, in the North American Monsoon, the low level moisture is transported primarily from the Gulf of California and eastern Pacific. The Gulf of California, a narrow body of water surrounded by mountains, is particularly important for low-level moisture transport into Arizona and Sonora. Upper level moisture is also transported into the region, mainly from the Gulf of Mexico by easterly winds aloft. You can check out the image here.



In Arizona, lightning strikes, high winds, wildfires, tornadoes, flash flooding, and extreme heat have caused an average of 10 deaths and 60 injuries along with tens of millions of dollars of damage each year since 1995.

([www.ncdc.noaa.gov/stormevents/](http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/stormevents/)).

Here are a few tips to help keep you safe.

- Driving around barricades is illegal and dangerous.
- Do not let children play near storm drains or washes after a heavy rain.
- Avoid camping in a wash or in the bottom of a canyon with steep side slopes.
- Driving too fast through standing water can cause a car to hydroplane.
- If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to be struck by lightning. There is no place outside that is safe from a lightning strike. Remaining indoors for 30 minutes after seeing the last lightning and hearing the last thunder will eliminate the risk at the end of storms.
- Corded phones are dangerous during thunderstorms. Lightning traveling through telephone wires have killed people. Cell phone and cordless phones are safe.
- Wait to use any plumbing-sinks, showers, tubs, and toilets. Plumbing can conduct electricity from lightning strikes from outside.

For more great tips and information, check out this website.

<http://www.monsoonsafety.org/index.htm>.



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## Houghton UPDATE

Ok, so no one was prepared for a the hundred year flood for the Houghton area. But everyone is working hard to address all the concerns of the recent flood event. So lets start out with who to call. If your home was damaged, please contact City's Risk Management Department and the Contractor.

The contractor, at the request of the City, is pumping the neighborhood drainage basins adjacent to Houghtons and cleaning up the streets in the neighborhood by Poorman road that sustained the most flood damage. The contractor has also been digging trenches and building up piles of dirt in critical areas to help control any new storm water runoff. They are also cleaning out numerous drain pipes that have become clogged.

There is constant work being done. The City is trying to adjust things and work with the contractors so that the flow of water doesn't backup.

Important numbers:  
City of Tucson Risk Management:  
791-4728  
Hunter Contracting 954-3016  
MJ Dillard, Project Manager at  
837-6616 or  
[mj.dillard@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:mj.dillard@tucsonaz.gov)

## Coming Up...

### National Hotdog Day

Tuesday, July 23rd

Now I don't know if there will be free hotdogs given on this day, but if not then you should take out the grill and grill some up. Who doesn't love a hotdog on a summer's day?

### Back to School Bash!

Saturday, July 27th, 8am-noon, 8123 E. Poinciana

Free breakfast starts at 8am followed by giveaways like school supplies and there will be raffle drawings. What you need to bring is...nothing but an appetite. Come and enjoy, oh but don't forget your swim suit, the pool is open for free until 4! Kids must be accompanied by an adult and cannot be dropped off.

### "Senior Lunch" Program

8155 E. Poinciana Dr.

Pima Council on Aging and COT Parks and Rec dept., will be offering "Senior Lunch," starting on August 5. Individuals aged 60 and over or their spouses of any age may participate. Meals are provided on a reservation basis and must be reserved the week prior. A donation of \$2.00 per meal is requested which helps to suport the program.

### Mayor & Council

M&C is in summer session meaning there will only be one meeting a month for this month and next. If you have something to say in the meantime, feel free to contact our office or on facebook. We will be happy to assist you in finding a solution to your problem or you can wait till August 6th for the next meeting.

## A Little Extra

Since we were on the topic of staying safe this monsoon season, we thought we would remind you of a very special law we have here. The "Stupid Motorist Law," which corresponds to section 28-910 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, states that any motorist who becomes stranded after driving around barricades to enter a flooded stretch of roadway may be charged for the cost of his/her rescue.

In such cases, if public emergency services (such as fire department or paramedics) are called to rescue the motorist and tow the vehicle out of danger, the cost of those services can be billed to the motorist, up to a maximum of \$2,000 (citation needed).



## In the 411

Here's a list of numbers that might be of some help to you.

Eastside Police Substation – 791-5700

9670 E. Golf Links

For additional information in regards to tickets or other departments within the Tucson Police Department log on to <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/police>

Housing and Community Development - 791-4171

310 N. Commerce Park Loop

They also responsible for investigating code complaints that affect the health and safety of residents by enforcing a number of City regulations such as the Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance, and they do so much more. View their website at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd>

Transportation (TDOT) - 791-4259

201 N. Stone Ave. 5th Floor.

Got a question about construction, traffic, streets, graffiti removal, landscaping, stormwater, RTA or anything along these lines? Visit <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/transportation> to get more info.

Environmental Services - 791-3171

Information on trash, recycling, landfills, brush and bulky and even neighborhood cleanups is what you can find here. They even do Hazardous Household Waste Collections. Visit <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/es> for more info.

Tucson Water - 791-5945

310 W. Alameda St.

Conservation, Water Quality, sewer billing, rates and fees, or pay your bill. <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/water>

Williams Clements Center - 791-5758 or 791-4730

8155 E. Poinciana

There is a lot happening here! Additional information, including calendar of events, go to <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/clements>

Miller-Golf Links Branch Library - 594-5355

9640 E. Golf Links Rd

Get info of scheduled events or what's currently happening at this library. Better yet go to [www.library.pima.gov/locations/golflinks](http://www.library.pima.gov/locations/golflinks)

Pima Council on Aging - 790-7262

8467 E. Broadway

This is a great place that offers programs and services to older adults and their families living in Pima County. Learn more about this great organization by going to [www.pcoa.org](http://www.pcoa.org).

